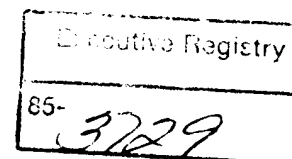


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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Donald C. Latham
Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Command, Control, and Communications
Intelligence

SUBJECT: Implementation of Computer Security Measures

1. Thank you for your memorandum concerning the SAFEGUARDS Supplement to DCID 1/16. Your cooperation in helping to improve the near-term security of DoD owned "critical systems" will be of great value and is appreciated. We, too, are counting on the Computer Security Evaluation Center for the expert assistance necessary to long-term COMPUSEC solutions.

2. I agree to the formation of a working group for the purpose of resolving or at least reducing the differences, many of which are non-substantive, among our respective computer security guidelines. Our efforts to improve computer security will clearly benefit to the extent we can act in concert. I am, however, dubious about the prospect of implementing a "national standard" within an acceptable period of time, given the complexity of the issues and the number of agencies involved. Rather, I would opt for incremental COMPUSEC improvements that could be introduced earlier.

/S/ John N. McMahon

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